

REMARKS

Claims 22-31 Canceled

The present application is a divisional from Application Serial No. 09/721,352 which issued on September 2, 2003 as U.S. Patent No. 6,614,056. The examiner issued a restriction requirement in the parent case, and in response the applicants elected claims 22-31 for further prosecution. These elected claims were eventually allowed and are now claims 1-10 in the '056 patent.

When the present divisional application was filed applicants also filed a preliminary amendment canceling claims 22-31. In the present restriction requirement the examiner indicated that claims 1-31 are pending. The pending claims should instead be 1-21 and the listing of claims the applicants have indicated claims 22-31 as canceled.

Restriction Requirement

The examiner determined that there are the following eight (8) patentably distinct species of the claimed invention in the present application:

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| Species I. | FIGs. 1-3 |
| Species II. | FIGs. 4,5 |
| Species III. | FIG. 6 |
| Species IV. | FIG. 7 |
| Species V. | FIG. 8 |
| Species VI. | FIGs. 9,10 |
| Species VII. | FIG. 11 |
| Species VIII. | FIG. 12 |

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The examiner has required the applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits and also found that there are no generic claims.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the examiner's finding that there are no generic claims. Claim 1 reads on each of the species identified by the examiner. Each of the embodiments have an LED core, first spreader, layer, at least one groove, and first and second contacts each of which has at least one conductive finger. The different embodiments in the Figures show different ways that the contacts and fingers can be arranged, but each still meets the elements of this claim. In light of the fact that claim 1 is generic, applicants respectfully request that the examiner consider all of the claims on the merits.

Applicants, however, elect Species I for further prosecution in the event that the examiner is not persuaded to consider all the claims. Claims 1-12 read on the elected species.

Respectfully submitted,

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